

as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we are working very hard to complete our business for the year. There are obviously many important pieces of legislation to complete prior to adjournment, so I would advise Members that the House should be prepared to continue its work into next weekend and early in the following week in order to finish our work for the year, if at all possible.

Mr. FROST. I would ask the gentleman from Texas, do you expect fast track trade legislation to be on the floor next week?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. If the gentleman will continue to yield, I should only say it is possible at this point. That is really as much as I can say.

Mr. FROST. I would further ask the gentleman, we have heard rumors of a terrorism insurance bill also making its way to the floor. Should we expect that next week?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentleman for his inquiry.

If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, Chairman OXLEY and his committee have in fact completed their markup of this legislation. It is very important. But it is a legislation with respect to which the Committee on the Judiciary shares some jurisdiction. At this point, the gentleman from Texas should be advised I am going to be consulting with the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary to see if it is possible we can work that bill out and have it to the floor next week.

Mr. FROST. I would further ask the gentleman, with the holidays approaching, many people are anxious that we ensure flying is as safe as possible. Do we have any idea when we will get the airline security conference report to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentleman for the inquiry.

If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman's point is extremely well taken. As I entered the building at 8 o'clock this morning, I saw the conferees moving to the other side of the building for the purpose of beginning that work. I have been assured by Chairman YOUNG that they are aware of how important it is, they are trying to proceed with that conference, and we would hope and expect they could complete that work for consideration next week.

Mr. FROST. I would point out to the distinguished majority leader that it will be very difficult for Members of Congress to leave town unless we have acted on that legislation. They will not feel good about going home and seeing their constituents until we have taken action on that bill.

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentleman's point, and I am sure the conferees are well aware of that as well.

Mr. FROST. I would ask the gentleman one additional question. I no-

ticed in his initial statement that he discussed the possibility of being in session next weekend and perhaps into the following week. The following week is the week of Thanksgiving. At what point will a decision be made by the majority as to whether we will be in session next weekend or whether we would vote another continuing resolution and come back after Thanksgiving?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. The point is very well taken and a good question.

Sometime as we proceed next week and we get the measure of some of these very important appropriations bills and conferences, as we get the measure of their progress, we should be able then to give the Members definitive answers with respect to working even possibly through the weekend, the weekend next or, of course, that Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. I think it would be prudent of me to advise most Members that irrespective of what we do relative to the weekend preceding Thanksgiving week, that they should anticipate being here on Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week and working on those 2 days.

Mr. FROST. I thank the gentleman. We look forward to seeing the schedule as it develops next week.

RANKING OF MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 282) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 282

Resolved, That Mr. Lynch of Massachusetts shall rank after Mr. Shows of Mississippi on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 283) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 283

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Armed Services: Mr. Jeff Miller of Florida.
Veterans Affairs: Mr. Jeff Miller of Florida.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2001, TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, November 9, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2001, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

WELCOMING PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA ON OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO UNITED STATES

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 264) expressing the sense of Congress to welcome the Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on the occasion of his visit to the United States, and to affirm that India is a valued friend and partner and an important ally in the campaign against international terrorism, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from New York, so that he may